

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ALBUQUEROUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE



The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service defines its mission as a commitment to the well-being and cultural integrity of Indian people through a participatory and consultative process.

THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS A "SMOKE-FREE" ENVIRONMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Amendment No. 1, dated 07-11-06 to include that candidates must submit copy of college transcripts as a required document.

All other information remains the same.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO.	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	
AAO-OC-644	03-27-06	OPEN CONTINUOUS	
POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE AND SALARY	LOCAT	LOCATION AND DUTY STATION	
Medical Technologist	PHS Indian Hospital	PHS Indian Hospital, Albuquerque, NM	
GS-644-5, \$32,755 per annum	PHS Indian Hospital	PHS Indian Hospital, Acomita, NM	
GS-644-7, \$38,489 per annum	PHS Indian Hospital	PHS Indian Hospital, Mescalero, NM	
GS-644-9, \$45,813 per annum	PHS Indian Hospital	PHS Indian Hospital, Santa Fe, NM	
	PHS Indian Hospita	l, Zuni, NM	
Special Salary Rates Authorized Under 5 USC 5303*	-		
		Centers: Dulce, Laguna, Santa Clara, M; and Ignacio and Towaoc, CO	
AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources			
RELOCATION EXPENSES: Relocation Expenses will be p	aid.		

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- NUMBER OF VACANCIES: This is an open continuous vacancy announcement and applications will be referred when vacancies occur. The open continuous vacancy announcement allows this office to accept applications/résumés on a year round basis and eligible qualified applicants are placed in the Applicant Supply File (ASF). Applications that are complete in accordance with the outlined Agency application procedures will be referred to fill any current and/or future vacancies.
- ➤ Positions may be permanent or temporary, term, full-time, part-time or intermittent (work only when called).
- Promotional Potential: Positions may be filled at one of the grade levels listed above. Depending on the specialty and location, some permanent positions have promotion potential.
- The incumbent of this position is subject to call back and/or standby work.
- ➤ This announcement is for non-supervisory/non-managerial positions only.
- ➤ If you are a male, born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the federal government, you must (subject to certain exemptions) be registered with the Selective Service System.
- In accordance with Chapter 12, Indian Health Manual, IHS Employee Immunization Program, selected candidate will be required to submit proof of immunity to the following diseases: Rubella and Measles.
- ➤ Before hiring, the IHS will ask you to complete a "Declaration for Federal Employment" and/or "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions" to determine your suitability for federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all information in your application. Under P.L. 101-630 Indian Child Protection Act, anyone who answers in the affirmative will be found ineligible and unsuitable for employment in the Indian Health Service. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This announcement will be used to fill vacancies as they occur for Medical Technologist positions at Service Units. Provides direct care/services to neo-natal, pediatric, geriatric, adolescent and adult patients. Responsible for the application, modification, adaptation, extension of analytical methods and procedures in the performance of a variety of tests/examinations of human tissue, fluids, and/or other substances in the clinical laboratory. Work assignments are in such specializations as chemistry, microbiology, immunology, urinalysis, and immunohematology. Performs a wide range of clinical laboratory tests/examinations per requests by medical staff for use in clinical diagnosis, patient screening, monitoring patient therapy and status and other authorized purposes.

COMPETITIVE AND IHS EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Basic Requirements:

- A. Degree: Medical Technology, chemistry, or biology that included or was supplemented by at least:
 - 16 semester hours of biological science of which one course was in microbiology and one course was in immunology. (NOTE: If there is no mention of immunology or immunobiology in the course title, the requirement for a course in immunology may be met by any course that covers the following topic areas: (1) definition and relationships of antigens and antibodies; (2) host-antigen interactions; (3) bursal and thymic influences on lymphoid cells; and (4) humor and cellular response mechanisms.) The remaining biology courses must have been in general biology, zoology, or any of the areas listed below under "Evaluation of Education and Experience;"
 - 16 semester hours of chemistry of which one course was in organic or biochemistry. The remaining chemistry courses must have been in general chemistry, qualitative analysis, qualitative chemistry, quantitative chemistry, physical chemistry, analytical chemistry, or any of the areas listed below under "Evaluation of Education and Experience;" and
 - 3 semester hours of college mathematics.

OR

B. A full 4-year course of study that included or was supplemented by at least 12 months in a college or hospital-based medical technology program or medical technology school approved by a recognized accrediting organization. The professional medical technology curriculum may have consisted of a one- year post-baccalaureate certificate program or the last 1 or 2 years of a 4-year program of study culminating in a bachelor's in medical technology.

OR

C. A combination of (1) at least 35 semester hours of biological science, chemistry, mathematics as described in paragraph A above; and (2) additional appropriate education and/or experience totaling 4 years. This combination of education and experience must have provided knowledge of the theories, principles, and practices of medical technology equivalent to that provided by the full 4-year course of study described in A or B above. All science and mathematics courses must have been acceptable for credit toward meeting the requirements for a science major at an accredited college or university. Acceptable experience is responsible professional or technician experience in a hospital laboratory, health agency, industrial medical laboratory, or pharmaceutical house; or teaching, test development, or medical research program experience that provided an understanding of the methods and techniques applied in performing professional clinical laboratory work. Certification/licensure as a medical technologist (generalist) obtained through written examination by a nationally recognized credentialing agency or State-licensing body is a good indication that the quality of experience is acceptable.

Candidates for positions involving highly technical research, development or similarly complex scientific functions must have completed the full 4-year course of study described in A or B above.

Evaluation of Education and Experience: The four major areas of clinical laboratory science are microbiology, clinical chemistry, hematology, and immunohematology (blood banking). Qualifying course work in these areas includes bacteriology, mycology, mycobacteriology, tissue culture, virology, parasitology, endocrinology, enzymology, toxicology, urinalysis, coagulation, homeostasis, cell morphology, immunology, serology, immunoserology, immune-deficiency, hemolysis, histocompatibility, cytogenetics, and similar disciplines or areas of laboratory practice.

Related fields include physiology, anatomy, molecular biology, cell biology, embryology, pathology, genetics, pharmacology, histology, cytology, nuclear medicine, epidemiology, biostatistics, infection control, physics, statistics, and similar areas of science where the work is directly related to the position to be filled.

For positions above grade GS-5, experience or graduate education must have been in (1) the general field of medical technology, (2) one of the disciplines or specialized areas of medical technology, or (3) a field directly related and applicable to medical technology or the position to be filled.

Work study experience in a clinical laboratory as a student medical technologist in a CAHEA-accredited education program may be credited on a month-for-month basis toward meeting the GS-7 specialized experience requirements. (NOTE: A typical program

comprises 12 consecutive months of professional study, including didactic and practical instruction. Approximately 6 to 7 months are devoted to lectures, laboratory study, demonstrations, and seminars covering theory and technique in clinical laboratory science. The other 5 to 6 months are devoted to clinical laboratory rotations. It is the latter, i.e., the period(s) of supervised work experience in a service laboratory that may be credited as work study experience.

Additional Experience and Education Requirements for GS-7 and above:

- GS-7: Candidates must have had 52 weeks of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-5 OR 1 year of graduate level education or superior academic achievement.
- GS-9: Candidates must have had 52 weeks of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-7 OR 2 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's degree or master's or equivalent graduate degree.

Specialized Experience: Experience performing clinical laboratory tests, confirming test results and developing data to be used by physicians in determining the presence and extent of disease. The types of experience which will be credited are shown above under "Duties and Responsibilities."

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS: Merit Promotion candidates must have completed at least 52 weeks of service no more than 2 grade lower than the position to be filled.

EVALUATION METHOD AND RANKING FACTORS: Evaluation will be made of the extent to which experience, education, training, self-development, performance appraisal, outside activities, and/or awards demonstrate that basically qualified candidates possess the Ranking Factors-KSAs described below. **It is to the applicant's advantage to address the following KSA's on a separate sheet of paper.**

- 1. Knowledge of principles, concepts and techniques of medical technology.
- 2. Ability to operate and maintain laboratory instruments and equipment.
- 3. Knowledge of laboratory quality control, quality improvement, QA programs, safety procedures and infection control.
- 4. Knowledge of patient test management.
- 5. Ability to communicate orally and in writing.
- 6. Knowledge of and familiarity with the standards of qualification, certification and accreditation of hospitals, clinics and health centers.
- 7. Knowledge of laboratory computer systems.

WHO MAY APPLY: Federal employment status is not required. U. S. citizenship is required.

<u>Merit Promotion Plan (MPP) Candidates:</u> Applications will be accepted from status eligibles (e.g., reinstatement eligibles and current permanent employees in the competitive federal service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted Service who are entitled to Indian preference.

Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian preference. Current permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and competitive service employees or reinstatement eligible entitled to Indian preference may also apply under the provision of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan.

Candidates <u>must indicate</u> whether their application is submitted under the IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan, the IHS Area Merit Promotion Plan, or both.

<u>Non-Status Candidates</u>: Applications will also be accepted from non-status candidates (individuals who have never been employed by the federal government) and individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability).

<u>Indian Preference</u>: Indian Health Service is required by law to give absolute preference in employment to qualified Indian preference candidates.

<u>Veterans Preference:</u> Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

Reasonable Accommodations: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Raelyn Pecos, (505) 248-4106. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

<u>Displaced Federal Employees Requesting Special Selection Priority Consideration:</u> If you are currently a DHHS (includes IHS) employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation, you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS (includes IHS) Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP).

Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) -- To receive this priority consideration you must:

- 1. Be a current DHHS career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) or be a current IHS excepted appointment (with no time limits) tenure group II excepted/competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of DHHS. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
- 2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
- 3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
- 4. Be currently employed by DHHS (includes IHS) in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
- 5. File your application by the Vacancy Announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
- 6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position, including any documented selective factors, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation, and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position without undue interruption.

<u>Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP)</u> If you are a displaced federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration you must:

- 1. Be a displaced federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as RIF separation notice, a letter from OPM or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees:
 - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
 - 1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
 - 2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or
 - 3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
 - 4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF;" or
 - 5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
 - 6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.

OR

- B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement annuity under section 8337(h) or 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.
- 2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
- 3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
- 4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
- 5. File your application by the Vacancy Announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
- 6. Be rated well qualified for the position, including any documented selective factors, quality ranking factors, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation, and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

Well-Qualified Definition: Surplus or displaced Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employees may exercise selection priority for DHHS vacancies in their local commuting area if they apply directly for the vacancy and are determined to be well-qualified.

If filing an application for a noncompetitive action when no official vacancy announcement is being announced, "well-qualified" means that you meet the minimum qualification and eligibility requirements of the position (including any selective factors), and can perform the duties of the position without undue interruption to organizational operations.

If filing an application under a vacancy announcement, "well-qualified" means you meet the minimum qualification and eligibility requirements of the position (including any selective factors), and meet the cut-off score to be referred to the selection official. This

score is derived as a natural break resulting from the rating and ranking of all qualified applicants to determine the extent to which candidates possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) required to succeed in the position.

Only U.S. citizens may be appointed to the competitive service.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications MUST be received at the following address:

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service Division of Human Resources 5300 Homestead Road NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 248-4510

For copies of vacancy announcements, download from the IHS website at www.ihs.gov or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website at www.usajobs.opm.gov. We do not FAX vacancy announcements. For inquires, contact Raelyn Pecos, Human Resources Specialist, 505-248-4106.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Verification of Indian Preference: Applicants who wish to receive Indian Preference MUST submit the BIA Form 4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS Only. This certifies the applicant as Indian as defined by the Indian Health Manual, Chapter 3, Indian Preference, dated March 14, 2001. Indian preference will not be given unless the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application/Résumé.
- > OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment. Form may be downloaded from: http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf fill/of0306.pdf
- > Addendum to OF-306, Indian Health Service Child Care and Child Care Worker Positions Statement
- To obtain educational credit, applicants must submit a copy of college transcripts.
- ➤ Geographic Availability form for Albuquerque Area IHS medical facilities.
- See 'HOW TO APPLY' on the last page, for additional information.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.

All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of Division of Human Resources and is subject to verification. Therefore, careful attention should be given to the information provided. Fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and/or a determination of unsuitability for federal employment.

Additional or alternate selections may be made from a promotion certificate within 90 days from the date the selection certificate was issued. The positions to be filled must have the same title, series, and grade, be in the same geographic location and have the same qualification requirements. However, if there are no qualified Indian preference candidates left on the certificate, the vacancy <u>must</u> be re-announced.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Except for Indian preference, consideration will be given without regard to any non-merit factor such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, partisan politics, physical or mental handicap, marital status, age, membership or non-membership in any employee organization, or sexual orientation.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES CLEARAN	NCE:	
/s/Raelyn Pecos		07/11/06
Human Resources Specialist	<u>-</u> -	Date

Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions

 Item	15a. Agency Specific Quest	ions
Nam	e:	Social Security Number:
Job T	(Please print) Fitle in Announcement:	•
positio		00, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal child care er the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and fo
Depar	tment of Health and Human Service	Legislation, Public Law 101-630, contains a related requirement for positions in the est that involve regular contact with or control over Indian children. The agency must ensure not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere or guilty to certain crimes.
To ass	sure compliance with the above law	s, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment:
1)	Have you ever been arrested for	or charged with a crime involving a child? YESNO
		planation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of ddress of the police department or court involved.]
2)	misdemeanor offense under Feder	of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or eral, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, on; or crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children? YES
	[If AYES@, provide the date, expname address of the police depa	clanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the rtment or court involved.]
years i	imprisonment, or both; and (2) I ha	stions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 we received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and ad in the report.
Appli	cant's Signature (sign in ink)	Date
Public	Burden Statement: In accordance	with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), a Federal

Public Burden Statement: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Respondents must be informed (on the reporting instrument, in instructions, or in a cover letter) the reasons for which the information will be collected; the way the information will be used to further the proper performance of the functions of the agency; whether responses to the collection of the information are voluntary, required to obtain a benefit (citing authority), or mandatory (citing authority); and the nature and extent of confidentiality to be provided, if any (citing authority). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the IHS PRA Information Collection Clearance Staff, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852. Please do not send completed data collection instruments to this address.

FORM APPROVED: O.M.B. NO. 0917-0028 Expires 02/28/2009

GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY FORM

Please place an X next to those locations for which you wish to be considered. These are the Hospitals/Clinics that are located within

and serviced by the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service. Acoma/Canoncito/Laguna Hospital Santa Fe Hospital Laguna Clinic Santa Clara Clinic __ Tohajilee Clinic Cochiti Clinic ___ Santo Domingo Clinic ___ San Felipe Clinic **Albuquerque Hospital** Southern Colorado Ute Santa Ana Clinic Ignacio Clinic Zia Clinic ___ Towaoc Clinic Jicarilla Clinic, Dulce **Taos Picuris Health Center** Mescalero Hospital **Zuni Hospital WORK SCHEDULE** Indicate your availability for employment: **Appointment Type Appointment Type** Rotating/Shift Work Permanent Weekends Temporary Full-Time Less than 1 month **Evenings** Intermittent 1 to 4 months **Nights** 5 to 12 months Term Grade/Pay – The position must pay at least \$_____ per ____ (year, month, day or hour) or be at least a grade When will you be available for work? _____ (month and year).

Signature

Date

HOW TO APPLY

The federal government does not require a standard application form for most jobs, but certain information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for federal employment.

Optional Application for Federal Employment – Form Number OF-612

www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0612.pdf

Résumé or Other written application format with information requested below.

www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/of0510.pdf

If your résumé or application does not provide all the information we request, you may lose consideration for a job. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will be given credit ONLY for the information they provide and may not receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.

Procedure for using résumé or other written application: Format MUST contain the following information. FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE.

> JOB INFORMATION

Announcement number, title and grade of the job for which you are applying.

> PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name, mailing address (with ZIP codes), day and evening telephone numbers (with Area codes).

Social Security Number.

Country of citizenship.

> EDUCATION

High School (name, city, state, ZIP code if known), and date of diploma or GED.

College and/or universities (name, city, state ZIP code if known), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester or quarter hours earned).

To obtain educational credit, applicants must submit a copy of all college transcripts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Copy of latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B) if current or former federal employee.

Highest federal civilian grade held (give job series and dates held)

Work experience (paid and unpaid)

Job title (include series and grade if federal job)

Duties and accomplishments

Employer's name and address

Supervisor's name and telephone number

Starting and ending dates (month and year)

Hours per week

Salary

Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.

> OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Give dates but do not send documents unless requested

Job related training courses

Job related skills, i.e., computer software/hardware, tools, typing speed

Job related certificates and licenses (if you are a licensed medical professional, submit copy of license to practice)

Honors, awards, special accomplishments, i.e., publications, memberships, in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards.

Submit a copy of applicable documents with your application if you are in the following categories:						
COMMISSIONED OFFICER	INDIAN PREFERENCE	VETERANS PREFERENCE	FEDERAL EMPLOYEE			
 Current Billet description Most recent "Commissioned Officers Effectiveness Report". 	 Verification of Indian Preference for employment, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432. 	Certificates of Release or discharge from Active Duty, VA form DD-214, and/or	Latest Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50B verifying civil service status, grade, etc.			
> Child Care Statement Form	 Current employees of National Programs-Albuquerque, Albuquerque Area, or Nashville 	 Application for 10-point Veterans Preference, Form SF-15 and supporting documents. 	Current performance appraisal.Priority consideration will not be			
Applicable Licensure and/or Certifications	Area may state that proof of certificate of Indian preference is on file in their Official Personnel Folder (OPF).	To receive preference if your service began October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a	given to DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, unless a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation letter, a letter from			
	 Preference will not be given unless a copy of the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application. 	Preference will not be given unless a copy of the DD-214 (with appropriate dates) is attached to the application.	OPM or your agency documentation showing your priority consideration status, is attached to the application.			